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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is herewith filed in conjunction with the filing of a National Stage U.S. Patent Application which claims priority from PCT/FI99/00345 filed April 28, 1999 and Finnish Application 980991 filed May 5, 1998. A PCT Article 34 Amendment which amends the specification and claims is also filed herewith. Applicants submit that this Preliminary Amendment amends the claims of the PCT Article 34 Amendment. The following amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure in the PCT/FI99/00345.

In the Claims

[Please amend the claims shown in the PCT Article 34 amendment as follows.]

Sub B1
(Amended) A method of handling calls in a telecommunication system comprising subscribers and network elements such as exchanges, comprising the steps of:

storing in the system subscriber information including [information including] service definitions of a subscriber;

establishing connections to the subscriber via a network element having access to the subscriber information of the subscriber;